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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. UNEASY CALM REIGNS IN LISBON

ALTHOUGH THE STANDOFF CONTINUES, AN UNEASY CALM HAS RETURNED TO LISBON FOLLOWING THE SOCIALIST CALL OCTOBER 1 FOR INCREASED VIGILANCE AGAINST A POSSIBLE LEFTWING COUP ATTEMPT.

--THE PCP AND THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PRESS REACTED STRONGLY TO THE ALERT CLAIMING IT AGGRAVATED TENSION AND WAS DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY THE IMPOSITION OF A STATE OF SEIGE.

--TROOPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM ALL RADIO AND TV STATIONS EXCEPT RADIO RENASCENCA.

A CROWD OF ABOUT 15,000 PPD SUPPORTERS MEANWHILE GATHERED IN OPORTO'S DELGADO SQUARE TO WILDLY CHEER SA CARNEIRO IN HIS
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FIRST APPEARANCE AS PPD SECRETARY GENERAL. THE CROWD VISI-

BLY APPROVED OF HIS BIPARTISAN APPEAL AND CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC SHIFT IN POSITIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN ITS EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A PRESS LESS DOMINATED BY THE PCP AND FAR LEFT. FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION AS "TOUGH" BUT CLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT LACKING IN COURAGE TO SEE IT THROUGH. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 5799 AND 5820; (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) OPORTO 245, 10/2.)

2. ARMY ASSUMES SECURITY ROLE IN TENSE LEBANON

FIGHTING HAS NOT ESCALATED AS MUCH AS FEARED IN THE WAKE OF THE KILLING OF SEVERAL JUMBLATT SUPPORTERS IN BEIRUT SEPTEMBER 30. THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE MET OCTOBER 2 IN AN EFFORT TO CALM THE SITUATION, BUT TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS THREATENED TO RESIGN. ALSO, THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC CALLS FOR PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S RESIGNATION.

WITHOUT A PUBLIC DECLARATION, PRIME MINISTER KARAME HAS MOVED TO GIVE THE LEBANESE ARMY A SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC SECURITY MISSION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

--THE ARMY HAS BEEN MOVED TO RELIEVE LOCAL SECURITY FORCES STATIONED OUTSIDE BEIRUT AND TRIPOLI.

--THERE HAVE BEEN MOVES TO EXPAND THE ARMY'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SKILL OF PRIME MINISTER KARAME IN AUGMENTING ARMY INVOLVEMENT WHILE SKIRTING POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE POLITICAL ISSUES DESERVES TRIBUTE. HOWEVER, KARAME MUST REALIZE THAT USE OF THE ARMY ALONE CANNOT SOLVE BEIRUT'S SECURITY PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 12296 AND 12323, 10/2.)

3. SPAIN FEARS OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE OVER SAHARA

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ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN THE SPANISH HAVE INTELLIGENCE WHICH INDICATES MOROCCO WILL ATTACK IN THE SAHARA AT THE END OF RAMADAN, OCTOBER 7. ACCORDING TO ROVIRA:

--THE CORTINA/LARAKI TALKS IN NEW YORK GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE MOROCCANS WERE CONTEMPLATING HOSTILITIES; BUT

--A QUADRAPARTITE MEETING SEEMS TO BE OUT, AND ONE CANNOT BE SURE WHAT THE MOROCCANS HAVE IN MIND.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE OF THE SPANISH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ARE UNKNOWN, ROVIRA'S STATEMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF IMMINENT HOSTILITIES CANNOT BE IGNORED. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 6842 (EXDIS), 10/2.)

4. SINO-JAPANESE TREATY CLOSER AFTER NEW YORK TALKS

A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY TOKYO THAT THE MIYAZAWA-CHIAO TALKS IN NEW YORK RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON A GENERAL APPROACH TO THE "HEGEMONY" ISSUE AND CONCLUSION OF THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT:

--INCLUSION OF THE HEGEMONY CLAUSE WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY FUTURE ACTION BY JAPAN AND WOULD NOT BE USED BY CHINA TO ENGAGE TOKYO IN AN ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN.

--PEKING SUPPORTS JAPANESE DEMANDS FOR THE REVERSION OF THE SOVIET-CONTROLLED NORTHERN ISLANDS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE TALKS REPRESENT THE MOST PENETRATING EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE 1972, IMMEDIATE PROGRESS IS HAMPERED BY MIKI'S HESITANCY IN INTRODUCING ADDED CONTROVERSY TO THE DOMESTIC SCENE NOW BOILING OVER PRICE HIKES. WE SENSE THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S CHINA VISIT WILL HAVE IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE JAPANESE TREATY STRATEGY. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 14029 (LIMDIS), 10/2.)

5. EAST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT PARIS

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EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT, WHILE PASSING THROUGH PARIS, GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER UNEXPECTEDLY AND AT THE LAST MINUTE REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH SAUVAGNARGUES, EVIDENTLY TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ON AN EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL VISITS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE GDR. SAUVAGNARGUES:

--MADE IT CLEAR THAT TIME WAS NOT YET RIPE FOR A SENIOR FRENCH OFFICIAL TO VISIT PANKOW;

--AGREED, HOWEVER, TO A FISCHER VISIT TO PARIS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 25435, 10/2.) KISSINGER

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